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Title : Speaker made a reference to the passing away of passing away of Shri Suraj Bhan, Member 4th, 6th, 7th and 11th Lok Sabha and former Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha on 12th July, 2006.

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, it is with a heavy heart that I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri Suraj Bhan, one of our former colleagues and former Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha.

Shri Suraj Bhan was Member of the Fourth Lok Sabha from 1967 to 1970; Sixth and Seventh Lok Sabhas from 1977 to 1984 and Eleventh Lok Sabha from 1996 to 1997. During the Eleventh Lok Sabha he was unanimously elected to the august office of the Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha on 12th July, 2006 which office he held with distinction till December, 1997.

An able administrator, Shri Suraj Bhan was Union Minister of Agriculture from May to June, 1996. He also held with distinction the high offices of Governor of Uttar Pradesh from 1998 to 2000, and that of Himachal Pradesh from 2000 to 2003 respectively. Thereafter, he was appointed as the Chairman of the then National Commission of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on 24 February, 2004. He was the Chairman of the National Commission of Scheduled Castes at the time of his demise.

Shri Suraj Bhan was also a Member of Haryana Legislative Assembly from 1987 to 1990. During this period he was Minister of Revenue from 1987 to 1989 and was the Leader of Opposition of the Assembly from 1989 to 1990.

A very committed and conscientious parliamentarian, during the Sixth Lok Sabha he was the Chairman of the Committee on Petitions, Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, and that of the Joint Parliamentary Committee that revised the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. An active votary of the downtrodden and the underprivileged, Shri Suraj Bhan lost no opportunity in espousing their causes on the floor of the House.

In his death the country has lost a committed crusader for uplift and welfare of the backward classes and the deprived.

Shri Suraj Bhan passed away on 6 August, 2006, at New Delhi, after a brief illness at the age of 78.

I am sure the House would join me in conveying the condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while in the memory of the departed.

**<u>11.03 hrs.</u>**

*The Members then stood in silence for a short while.*

...(*Interruptions*)

**[illegible] ([illegible]) :** [illegible] हैं। [illegible] इस [illegible] हैं। [illegible]â€¦ (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER : Your notice is under my consideration.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : Only today it has come. I have to look into it.

...(*Interruptions*)

**[illegible] :** [illegible] उत्तर [illegible] हैं। [illegible] इहâ€¦ (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER : This is a matter under my consideration. Give me a little time to read it.

...(*Interruptions*)

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA : Sir, you made your observation on that day also. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : I did that. That has nothing to do with the breach of privilege.

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...(*Interruptions*)

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA : Sir, you also said it. ...( *Interruptions*) [illegible] इस हकउस्क [illegible] हद्दअक्क ह+। â€¦ (व्यवधान) [illegible] हए। [illegible] â€¦ (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER : Nothing will be recorded.

*(Interruptions)* â€¦*[krr1]

MR. SPEAKER: Prof. Malhotra, please take your seat.

...(*Interruptions*)

* Not Recorded

MR. SPEAKER: When I stand up, I expect this very little courtesy from Members that they should take their seats. Already the position of Chair is known throughout the country; the position of the Speaker of Lok Sabha. My only request to you also â€¦.

...(*Interruptions*)

**[illegible] : [illegible] ह+ [illegible] ह+? â€¦ (व्यवधान)**

[illegible] ह+। [illegible] ह?

â€¦ (व्यवधान)*...

**[illegible] (अहह [illegible]) :** [illegible] ह+। â€¦ (व्यवधान)

[illegible] ह+।

â€¦ (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat. I myself did it. I thought that was more than enough. I had said 'I resent it. It should not have been done. Therefore, I would expect the Government to hold an inquiry.' That was, I believe, on Friday. Today, it is Monday.

...(*Interruptions*)

**[illegible] ([illegible]) [illegible] :** [illegible] â€¦ (व्यवधान)

[illegible]

â€¦ (व्यवधान)

**[illegible] :** [illegible] ह+। â€¦ (व्यवधान)

**[illegible] :** ह [illegible] ह+ [illegible] ह [illegible]।

â€¦ (व्यवधान)

* Not Recorded

**11.08 hrs.**

(At this stage, Shri Subhash Maharia and some other

hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table)

...(*Interruptions*)

**अध्यक्ष महोदय** : एक अच्छा अथवा बुरा मैं नहीं जानता।

...(व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER : Fortunate or unfortunate I do not know, I have spent 37 years in this House.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Kindly listen. There is a limit to everything.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: This is the first time I am noticing that notice has been given at 10 o'clock, the Speaker has already said that it is under consideration, even then the House is not being allowed to run.

I adjourn the House till 11:45 a.m.

**11.23 hrs.**

## The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Forty-Five minutes past Eleven of the Clock.

**11.45 hrs**.

*The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Forty-Five minutes past Eleven of the Clock.*

(Mr. Speaker *in the Chair*)

...(*Interruptions*)

**श्री सुभाष महरिया (झुन्झुनूं) :** मैं झुन्झुनूं से हूँ। मैं यहाँ पर 37 साल से इस सदन का सदस्य हूँ। अच्छा या बुरा रहा हो,â€¦(व्यवधान)

**अध्यक्ष महोदय** : हो सकता है नहीं। मैं कह रहा हूँ - let me be clear - "When Speaker says the matter is under consideration" - उसका मतलब क्या होता है नहीं। उठ जाइए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

**[illegible] ([illegible]) :** [illegible] â€¦ (व्यवधान)

**[illegible] :** [illegible] 37 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] है, [illegible] के इस [illegible] के [illegible] [illegible]?â€¦ (व्यक्तिगत)

**श्री [illegible] :** [illegible] 12 [illegible] 2006 [illegible] उन्होंने एक [illegible] इस [illegible] 12 [illegible] 2006 [illegible] है। [illegible] है। [illegible] है [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

MR. SPEAKER: Shrimati Ranjeet Ranjan.

**श्रीमती रंजीत रंजन :** [illegible]

**SHRI SURESH KURUP:** Sir, once the Government has decided to target the beneficiaries of the Public Distribution System, it has come in the open that many deserving families are out of the network of the Public Distribution System. If the Government is streamlining the Public Distribution System, the most important thing that the Government has to do is, widen its network. I would like to know as to whether this is under consideration of the Government.

SHRI SHARAD PAWAR: This is a very important issue. We realised that this targeted people are really needy people who are not getting benefit. That is the reason, we have called the meeting of the Food Ministers from all the States and Secretaries of the Food Departments from all the States. One of the decisions we have taken is that the State Government should try to reassess the list of those who are living below the poverty line. Once we get the report from them, we would take appropriate decision, including additional allotment to the States where the needy sections would get additional or required food grains.